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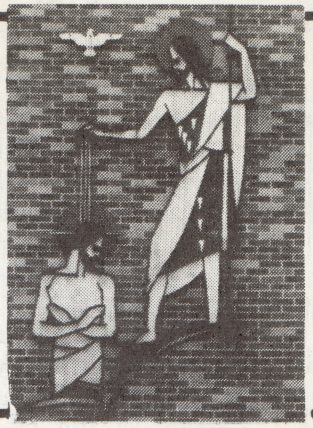

Just A Word

by Father Harvey

As a parish community, we have said "farewell" to many friends these past two or three months. Three members of our Pastoral Team have assumed new assignments; several parish families have moved to other cities - a somewhat common, if not painful, experience at the end of a school year.

However, as St. John's Pastoral Team gathered for its week of planning at the Binder cottage on Whitmore Lake last week, several warm and excited words of "welcome" were also spoken.

On board for the Work Week was Sister Carol Denise who begins her ninth year of ministry in our community. Miss Eileen Hageman who had previously served on a Pastoral Team in Toledo was present, finalizing plans for the Religious Education Program for our parish. Sister Phyllis Nutting arrived Sunday afternoon to begin her work as Facilitator of Worship Commission and Director of Music. Sister comes from Miami where she previously served the Miami Archdiocesan Department of Education as Supervisor of Musical Education. I arrived on Sunday evening, conscious that I probably would be the only priest and only male - at least for the time.

But my "fears" soon dissipated as I called Lansing Monday morning and learned that Father James Burns had accepted the offer of becoming Associate Pastor of St. John's. After a brief phone conversation with Fr. Burns in which I explained the aims and purposes of our Team Week, Fr. Burns was also able to join us for a good part of the Week.

I know the willingness of Fr. Burns to minister among us is not only happy news to me and the other Team members but also to all parishioners.

Since time does not permit more details on Fr. Burns' assignment to our parish at this writing, I hope to be able to give a more extensive welcome to him in next week's paper.

Many thanks to all of you who did remember the needs of our parish in prayer during our meetings last week.

Someone surely is listening!

Members of the Service Commission met on Tuesday evening with the members of the Pastoral Team. Similar meetings with the Parish Council, the Worship and Education Commissions were held throughout the week as goals and plans were set for the coming year of parish life at St. John's.

Administration Commission Meeting

Tuesday, August 31
8:00 P.M.

Hello

by Sr. Phyllis Nutting, O.P.

The warm welcome accorded me by so many of the good people of St. John's since my arrival last Sunday prompts me to address you today. It is indeed good to be here, and I would like to thank all for making me feel so much at home. My only hope is to serve you to the best of my abilities in the capacity of parish music director and liturgist.

You must realize, of course, that this cannot be done without your help. The conductor of a large symphony orchestra must have instrumentalists if he is to produce beautiful music with the orchestra. In the same manner a choral conductor must have singers if his

choir is to sing beautiful music. With this fact in mind, I would like to enter my plea for singers for the parish choir. While six or eight members have served very well for the past year or so, we would like to expand the mixed choir to about twenty-five or thirty if at all possible.

For the choir has a function which is unique to the liturgy. It brings the opportunity both to preserve the music of the past, a part of the Christian heritage of the Church, and to explore the new music coming from the pen of the modern composer. It also insures a community expression of worship by the integration of the great choral music of past and present within the structure of the service.

While here are many ways in which to accomplish the above, our first need is for **people.** So may I extend an invitation to all interested in offering their services to meet with me next Thursday evening, August 26, at 7:00 P.M. in Room 9 of the school building? I shall be most happy to talk with you about our plans for the future.

Parish Nuptials

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Aberasturi

On Saturday afternoon, August 14, 1976, Charles Aberasturi and Janice Sherbert solemnized their covenant of holy marriage during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Harvey.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Rose Aberasturi and Victor Aberasturi of Allen Park. The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Wesley of Alabama.

Henry Aberasturi of Allen Park and Jacquelyn Boone of Belleville were the couple's main attendants.

Mrs. Carol Zakrzewski and Ms. Laurie Leabu served as guitarist and soloist, respectively.

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick J. Sharpe

Patrick J. Sharpe and Laura J. Robinson exchanged their vows of holy marriage during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Harvey on Saturday evening, August 14, 1976.

The groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. George L. Sharpe of Dearborn Heights and teaches special education.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Reginald Robinson, also of Dearborn Heights. Laura was a convert to the Catholic faith here on Easter, 1975 and works as a speech therapist.

Main witnesses to the vows were Kevin Schappert of Muskegon and Claudia Robinson of Dearborn Heights.

An ensemble of Musicians and singers provided music for the Liturgy.

Congratulations, newlyweds! "Love does not come to an end."

New Life in Christ

Christy Corrine Calmeyn, daughter of Patrick F. and Diane L. (Wallman) Calmeyn, became one with Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism celebrated by Fr. Harvey on Sunday, August 15, 1976.

Christy's godparents are William and Rose Atkinson and Richard and Sandy Wallman.

Welcome, Christy and best wishes to the parents!

Miracles Do Happen

It isn't often that we can be part of a miracle, but both you and I have been blessed with the recognition of one this summer. As you know, I have had my brother in your prayers so many times because of his illness, first that whatever was causing the excessive pain be found when he went to Mayo Clinic; and then when the tumor was found, we prayed that it could be removed from the spine without causing paralysis in so young a man. The operation was performed on July 22 and lasted nearly 8 hours. During the days in intensive care, the doctors noticed a difference in the foot and leg that indicated that the blood was resuming normal course and activity was beginning in both areas that had not been present for at least two years because of the tumor. The doctors were amazed that within hours after the operation, a lost function was making so much progress. As the days went on, we were told repeatedly that they had not expected so much success in such a short time because they had given only a 30% chance that my brother would not be completely paralyzed for life because of the tumor being on the spine.

This did not happen and I attribute it to your prayers and the prayers of my Dominican Community. The doctors did not feel it was something they could have anticipated, but we did because we asked for a miracle and it was granted. This could only have been possible because we are a believing community and the Lord has blessed our belief.

Thank you for your prayers. Please continue praying in Thanksgiving to the Lord who hears our prayers and answers them in so many varied ways. Sister Carol

Reception for Mary Barton

Our beloved parishioner, Mary Barton, will celebrate her 90th birthday on September 1. As a token of our esteem, the 12:30 Mass will be celebrated for her intentions followed by a reception for her friends in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Betty Jurinic

Pilgrims Return

Philadelphia was the scene of much sharing and joy during the days of the Eucharistic Congress as pilgrims from all over the world gave homage to the Eucharist. It was most inspirational to attend so many liturgies and feel the fervor and concern of so many thousands who not only hungered for the Eucharist but hungered with desire to help those who were in deep need for understanding, faith, joy, truth, justice, hope.

We were privileged to hear Caesar Chavez who spoke on the plight of so many here in our country who are neglected or used without advantage to themselves, Princess Grace and Prince Ranier of Monaco who addressed themselves to the family as the central concern of the church and home, Mother Theresa of Calcutta who humbly shared what she and her Sisters are doing all over the world to relieve the pains of the homeless, lepers and others who die without anyone caring that they even lived, Dom Helder Camara of Brazil who shared his dream with us of a world where everyone cared and was willing to share, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen who spoke about Mary, whose concern is all of humanity and so many other speakers far too numerous to mention.

Groups of people who attended the Congress spent their time in helping the poor of Philadelphia during the evenings, passing out foods and tending those who were ill. They spent their hours selflessly while others of us kept vigils before the Blessed Sacrament exposed at the stadium for nearly 5,000 at a time throughout the evening, ending with a Mass at dawn. The Philadelphians in turn spent their time helping us by being ushers at all events, driving people all over the city to go from conference to conference site, making us feel at home, even though it was evident that no one knew where they were going most of the time. They made it easier for all of us through their kindness. We stayed at the home of Jim & Charlyn McCarthy and family, formerly from Ypsilanti, who made sure all our needs were cared for. We passed on all the news from our parish, of course. They asked to be remembered to all of you.

The group we traveled with included a priest from Poland who is giving his time working for a parish in Iowa because there is a need there, and a priest from India who is the rector of a seminary in a city I cannot pronounce or spell. Both of these men coming for the same reason were able to meet and share just as we all met and shared with many from all over the world. English was not the most common language to hear as we moved from place to place, and we delighted in being able to share without language being a barrier.

You were in my prayers at each celebration of the liturgy so that each of you would be present in this special congress. My prayer was that there be a deepening of your understanding of the Eucharist and that your love for Christ be enriched so that this would serve to strengthen your dedication to the Christian life and Christian ideals.

Catholic Central Study Committee

Bishop Povish has directed St. John's to participate in a committee to study the feasibility of a central high school. This committee is to investigate the possible organization and fiscal structure of an Ann Arbor Area Catholic High School. The committee is also directed "... to determine the climate of opinion in the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti area regarding the desire to continue Catholic high school education therein and the willingness to assume financial responsibility for such a venture." If you have information, ideas or opinions which could aid this committee, please contact one of your representatives from St. John's. They are Fr. Harvey, Mr. Richard Ouellette, 482-4001 and Mrs. Carole Dyska, 484-0696.

Financial Barometer August 15, 1976

Sunday Offering	$3,629.06
Hall Renovation	46.00
Peter's Pence (Additional)	63.00

Scripture Readings

SUNDAY, August 22
First Reading: Josh 24:1-2, 15-17, 18
Second Reading: Eph 5:21-32
Gospel: John 6:60-69

SUNDAY, August 29
First Reading: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8
Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

St. John Bingo

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Mass Schedule

MONDAY, August 23 - Weekday
7:00 AM Ella Bath, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Dunkelberger & Edward
2:30 PM H. Lenore Draper, req. by Ed & Marge Look (at Parkview Nursing Home)

TUESDAY, August 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle
7:00 AM **Distribution of Holy Communion Only**
5:15 PM Claudia Lucas, req. by Mrs. Joseph Pfiffner

WEDNESDAY, August 25 - Weekday
7:00 AM Lucille Jewell, req. by Alice & Family

THURSDAY, August 26 - Weekday
7:00 AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, August 27 - St. Monica
7:00 AM Edward Theisen, req. by Walter Theisen

SATURDAY, August 28 - St. Augustine, Bishop-Doctor
9:00 AM Robert Schrepper, req. by Dr. & Mrs. Ward M. Taylor
5:00 PM Eva Daly, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Fulton

SUNDAY, August 29
7:00 AM For the Parishioners
9:00 AM Bonnie Celestin, Month Anniv., req. by Jim & Joan Pryce & Family
11:00 AM Violet Hagemaster, req. by the Falahee Grandchildren
12:30 PM Intention of Mary Barton

Wedding Banns

II - Kenneth L. Trzcinski & Marie Genevieve Adams

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